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Palestine Not Yet Invaded By Arab Legion

TROOPS DIG THEMSELVES IN ON FRONTIER

Irgun-Haganah Agreement

London, Apr. 27.—Troops of King Abdullah's British-trained and equipped Arab Legion dug in tonight on both sides of Allenby Bridge, the invasion gateway from the Transjordan Kingdom into Palestine, 18 days before the end of the British mandate.

Cairo reports talked of an imminent invasion by regular Arab armies while in Tel-Aviv, the Jewish defence force, Haganah, announced it had reached agreement with the terrorist Irgun Zvai Leumi for co-operation in military operations.

Cairo observers commenting on the military pact signed at the Transjordan capital of Amman yesterday by Syria, The Lebanon, Iraq and Transjordan foresaw a three-pronged attack on the Irgun and Haganah Jewish armies, with Egypt contributing war planes and ships for a blockade of the Palestine coast.

Mr Moshe Shertok, head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, speaking before the Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at Lake Success, tonight, said: "By and large we have broken the first wave of Arab aggression," but added that the Jews would welcome a truce.

The agreement between Haganah and Irgun-Zvai Leumi came after all-night talks, Reuter reported from Tel-Aviv.

One immediate result is expected to be that Haganah will now take part in the fighting at Jaffa, where Irgun has been in action for the past three days.

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Lake Success, Apr. 27.—Jews and Arabs told the United Nations Trusteeship Council in a closed session today that they would agree to a cease-fire in Jerusalem but both parties imposed conditions which made a final agreement on a truce doubtful.

The United Nations Political Committee today agreed to discuss the United States proposal for a trusteeship in Palestine. The decision was taken by a vote of 38 to seven, with seven abstentions.

M. Andrei Gromyko, of Russia, led the opposition to a discussion of the American proposal, which was still only in the form of a working paper.

South Africa, Belgium, Brazil, Norway and Spain all argued in favour of a consideration of the plan. Britain, Australia, Chile, Guatemala, Bolivia, Venezuela and Uruguay abstained from voting.

The Soviet Union, the Ukraine, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Byelorussia and Halland voted against. Uruguay proposed that, owing to the lack of information on trusteeship, a subcommittee should be appointed for discussions with the Palestine Commission, Britain, the Jewish Agency and the Arab Higher Committee for Palestine. The subcommittee should report back to the Political Committee, he said.

The Political Committee then adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Grenade Thrown Into Cafe

Singapore, Apr. 27.—Nine people were injured in Singapore today when a hand grenade exploded after being thrown into a crowded Chinese cafe.

Police reported that they are detaining a Japanese in connection with the incident, which they described as "bourgeois violence."

The cafe is a recruiting centre for Chinese stevedores who are unloading ships in defiance of a ten-day-old labour union strike in Singapore's harbour. — Associated Press.

Declaration Of War Denied

The official report on the situation in Transjordan from Sir Eric Kirkbridge, Minister in Amman, which reached London tonight, denied press reports that King Abdullah had "declared war" on Zionism and that regular troops of the Transjordan Army had crossed the frontier into Palestine and occupied Jericho. The report also discounted the

possibility that a concerted move against the Jews in Palestine would be made shortly by other states of the Arab League.

Egypt, the strongest of the Arab States was reported in Cairo to have sent Army detachments to the Palestine frontier "for training."

The Egyptian Government newspaper, Al Assas, said the detachments had gone to the frontier "pending the decisions of the Arab government." The Opposition Egyptian paper, Al Balagh, reported that "Egyptian troops will enter Palestine territory on Friday," but this was discounted by well-informed quarters in Cairo.

Responsible Government and Arab League quarters also discounted the statement from an official Arab source in Damascus last night that King Abdullah's Legion had actually "declared war on Zionism."

Doubts about Egyptian Army action was supported by today's report in Al Assas that the Egyptian Defence Ministry would "allow Army officers, NCOs and men to volunteer for service in Palestine."

It was felt that if Egypt intended to send her Army she would not disorganise her units by permitting individuals to volunteer.

In view of the sensational reports carried by the Egyptian Opposition press today of alleged "plans for action by the Egyptian Army, the Defence Ministry is reported to be considering placing a ban on the publication of news other than official announcements.

Egyptian Government spokesmen refuse to give any indication of the Arab plan of campaign on the ground that it is a military secret. There are confusing reports as to the parts the regular armies of

member states of the Arab League—there are seven—will play in the expected invasion of Palestine.

The general opinion is that the Arab Legion, some units of which are performing security duties in Palestine under British command, will take the lead in operations. According to one report, King Abdullah is a veteran of World War I's Arab campaign against the Turks, would assume command of the Transjordan, Syrian and Lebanese forces.

The broad lines of Arab strategy, as seen here, would be:

1.—The Transjordan Army, with Iraqi Army units and supported by Iraqi air cover, would cross the Allenby Bridge, marking the Palestine-Transjordan border, to join the forces of the Arab Liberation Army at point northwest of the Dead Sea.

2.—Syrian and Lebanese forces would, meanwhile, cross the northern Palestine border to concentrate in the Nablus-Jenin-Acre triangle.

3.—Egyptian Army forces, now being reinforced at El Arish and Rafah, on the northwest corner of the Sinai Desert, would "stand" on the Egypt-Palestine frontier ready to take defensive action if attacked by the Haganah's Negev (Southern) Army.

To compensate for Egypt's non-participation in the actual fighting inside Palestine, the Egyptian Government is reported to have pledged naval support to the patrols in Palestine coastal waters to prevent illegal Jewish immigration and reinforcements reaching Palestine.

Egyptian Air Force planes would also take part in patrolling operations.

Those sources here are unable to say just what is included in the project. However, there is expected to be an overall proposal placing Japan on a self-supporting basis, long desired by the Army and the Japanese people themselves.

The Draper report was based generally on the belief Japan must be given substantial economic assistance after the Japanese prove their own capacity for industrial rehabilitation, authoritative sources said.

Those sources said many of Draper's observations coincided with policies expressed publicly by MacArthur. This was particularly true concerning the necessity for removal of economic restrictions that are considered to be hampering industrial revival.

The Draper report was made separately without taking into consideration the Pauley and Stike reports on reparations and economics. Now these sources said, officials in Washington are trying to adjust the Draper findings with a recent report of overseas consultants.

REPARATIONS PROBLEM

It could not be ascertained whether the Draper mission agreed completely with the views of overseas consultants regarding the amount of industrial potential that should

Troops In Position

From Jerusalem, it was reported that troops of the Arab Legion have taken up positions on both sides of the vital Allenby Bridge over the river Jordan—the main link between Palestine and Transjordan.

Armoured cars with two-pounder guns cover the bridge. British Army headquarters reported that a company of the Legion, under British orders, had also taken up positions on the Jericho area as a security measure to keep the road to Transjordan open.

There had been some movement of the Legion along the frontier after constant reports in Amman

that the Jews were mobilising 1,000 men in the area of the Palestine Potash Company's works on the Dead Sea for an attack on Jericho.

These were coupled with reports that the Jews were preparing an

attack to blow up the Allenby Bridge.

Yesterday, a Reuter correspondent watched a convoy of Arab Legion

troops, with their kit and weapons, cross the bridge into Palestine to reinforce. It was reported, the Legion detachment occupying a camp near Jericho.

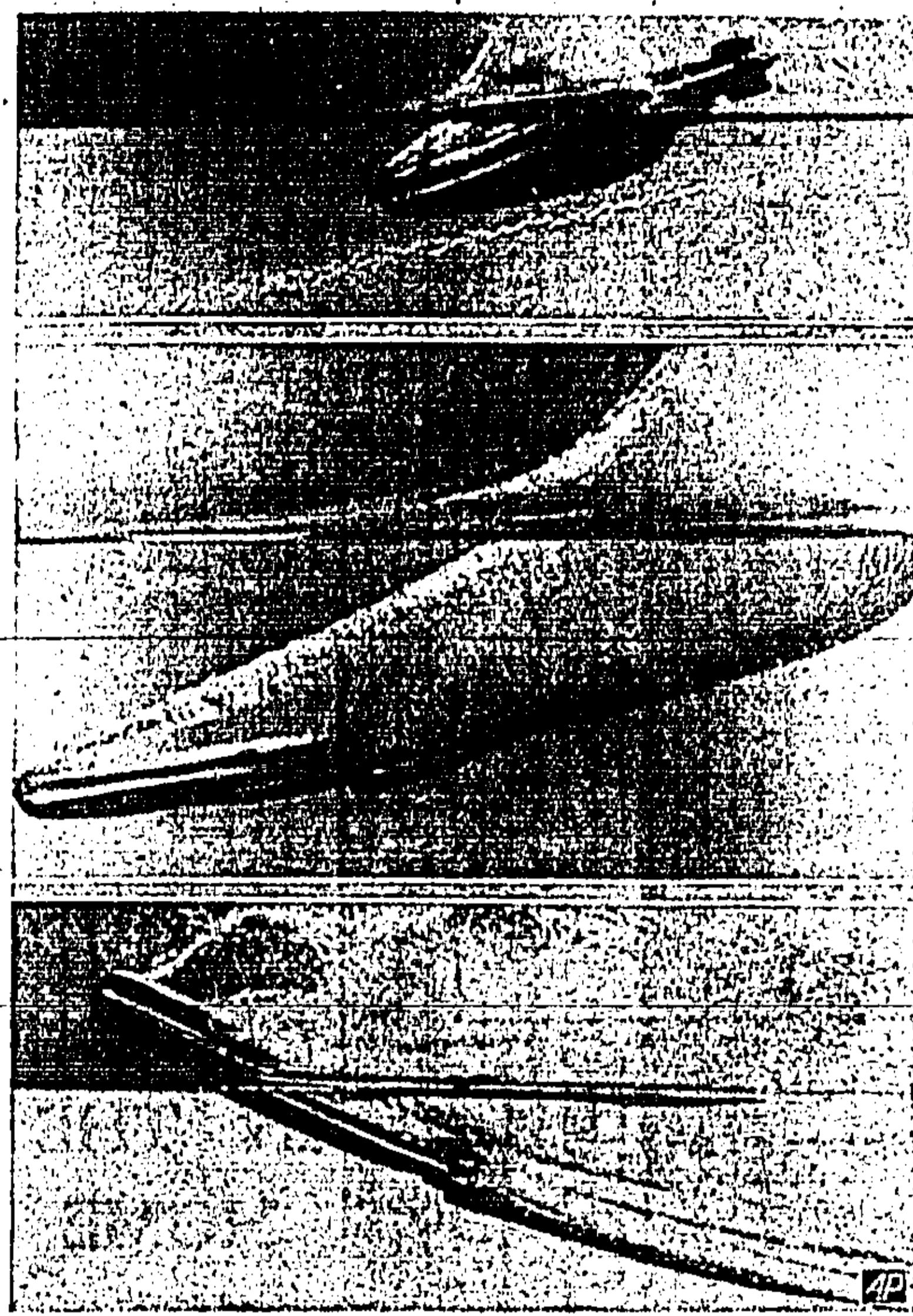
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EDITORIAL

The Colony's War Claims

THE Imperial Government's solution to the problem of Hongkong's war claims and some of her post-war debts reminds the public that beggars cannot be choosers. To those who sincerely expected compensation for property and personal effects lost as a result of the Pacific War and the Japanese occupation, yesterday's official statement will come as a cruel disappointment. They can expect no redress. In a purely impersonal way (which, incidentally, also has the effect of making things easier for the Government) the Colony stands to benefit from three useful grants, one concession and an interest-free loan. Many, however, will be puzzled to know just how these fit in with what are regarded as our legitimate compensation claims. The actual effect of the proposed settlement is that liability for the war period is rejected, but that the Imperial Government is prepared to offer some assistance in helping the Colony put itself together. And while it is appreciated that this imposes some burden on the British taxpayer, the net effect is that not a single penny is to be paid out for damage and losses suffered by the community between December 8, 1941, and the liberation in September, 1945. Nobody will begrudge the University its gift of £250,000, but it is not clear why that should be credited as compensation to the general public. In view of the importance which the Imperial Government attaches to the future of the University it would have been expected to make a similar grant in any circumstances. Then there is the £1,000,000 gift to be used for "resolving" problems arising out

63 MPH Under Water



Jowitt
Favours
Death
Penalty

London, Apr. 27.—Britain's highest legal authority, the Lord Chancellor (Lord Jowitt), said today that he was not in favour of suspending the death penalty.

He was opening a debate in the House of Lords on a bill which includes a clause, inserted by the vote of the House of Commons against the wish of the Government, suspending the death penalty for murder for five years.

Interest in this debate, which will last two days, is mainly whether the House of Lords support or oppose the new clause.

If they reject it, the Government is expected to support the Commons' decision. The House of Lords would then have to decide their next step.

Lord Jowitt said: "Hanging is, of course, a grim and horrible business. So is murder."

"I believe that hanging cuts down murders. Because of that, I am opposed to abolishing capital punishment."

THERE ARE WORSE FATES

He referred to countries where capital punishment had been abolished and to countries where murderers served years in solitary confinement.

"There are fates worse than death," he said. "He thought that no one in Britain would tolerate solitary confinement for years."

The recent vote in the House of Commons showed that the death penalty was repugnant to a large section of public opinion. Lord Jowitt agreed with the decision to allow a free vote in the House of Commons. Therefore the experiment would be tried.

"It contrary to my fears, it turns out to be a success, no one will be more ready to admit his error than I. But I cannot feel at present when we have this distressing wave of crime, with more gangsters going about with arms than before, it is a wise moment to try the experiment."

"It having been decided that this is the right moment, let us go forward," Lord Jowitt declared. "I myself accept this decision."

RELEASED MURDERERS

The Lord Chancellor disclosed that 104 people convicted of murder whose death sentences had been commuted to penal servitude for life, had been released from prison in the last 10 years.

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The sources indicated the Draper report supported a plan for permitting Japan to sell its large commercial fleet to aid in economic rehabilitation. Figures are not available, but the importance of merchant shipping to the future of the Japanese export business is fully recognised here.

The present Draper report may be revised before it is submitted in its final form. There was no indication at present whether it will be released publicly.

The whole tone of the report, the sources said, coincided with Draper's comments in Tokyo that the Japanese would be assisted but would be required to prove before hand what they were doing the maximum to help themselves.

Officials here said the Japanese had been "too optimistic" during Draper's visit regarding the amount of assistance that could be expected.

—Associated Press.

66 DAYS
—a day no water unless the rains come!

SAVE MORE
—and more and more

EVERY DAY

WIDOW LOSES SUIT FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

London, Apr. 27.—Mrs Imelda Catherine Price, attractive widow of an RAF officer, today lost her breach of promise suit against an American Vice-Consul.

The jury of ten men and two women found for the defendant, Ernest Griffin, 39, of Salina, Kansas, American Vice-Consul in London. Mrs Price was ordered to pay costs.

Mr Griffin testified that he broke his engagement with the 40-year-old Birmingham widow after she had twice tried to entice him to join her in bed. He said he thought her immodest and forward.

He said they agreed to become engaged in the summer of 1946 on the understanding that they would not marry if they did not appear suited to each other. She called him "old fashioned" for refusing to spend the night with her after their engagement, Mr Griffin said.

Cross-examining Mr Griffin, counsel for Mrs Price asked: "Were you a virgin for your virtue?"

Mr Griffin: "Not necessarily."

Counsel: "You were violating this woman's blandishments!"

Mr Griffin: "I was only trying to do what was right."

Mr Griffin also denied counsel's assertion that he was "amorous and impulsive."—United Press.

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BILE BEANS

Make all Women Doubly Attractive

WOMANSENSE

Pretty Prints



Silk afternoon dress.

By VERA WINSTON

THIS should be the big year for print addicts for never were there so many beautiful print frocks in pure silks, beautiful rayons, pretty cottons. Geometrics, good old polka dots, large, lush florals, all are represented in the pattern parade. A geometric print in red and white on beige is the formula for this pretty silk afternoon frock. It is pleated from neck to hem and has three narrow bands of grosgrain at the waist. The high round neck is edged in grosgrain. The sleeves just cover the shoulder.

**NEW
IN THE
HOME**

VERY latest idea in lamp shades comes from a man who had the inspiration when he was tying up his climbing roses with raffia. He decided to try making a lamp shade out of raffia.

I gives a light equivalent to a parchment shade. Any shaped frame will do. Use an old one or buy one.

To make: Start by tying one end of a length of raffia to the top of one of the upright wires of the frame, giving it an extra twist round each upright to keep the "rows" in position.

Keep the knots where the raffia is joined on the inside of one of the uprights.

If the frame has scallops at the bottom, cover them with vertical binding, taking in six rows of the horizontal binding and giving an extra twist round the curved bottom edges to avoid slipping.

This may leave a gap at the bottom of the horizontal rows. Fill in with an extra wind or two of raffia.

Trim all loose ends and tuck in any obstinate knots.

On a frame with a straight bottomed edge, the raffia can be bound vertically. Thread ribbon through top and bottom.

Coloured raffia can be used, but the natural shade gives a better light. Coloured raffia "embroidery" looks quite attractive, but it must be small or the light will be obscured.

THE VEIL

Four white plumes and a spotted veil . . . this spring hat was seen in the West End.

RED RYDER

ONLY DONNA RING ESCAPES RED RYDER'S DEADLY FIRE AT THE SCENE OF THE TRAIN ROBBERY.

LATER, THE POSSE ARRIVES.

OMELETTE . . .**A Good Main Dish With Substantial Filling**

EGGGS are down in price," announced the Chef. "So now we can make some fine substantial omelettes." "And let's have them for dinner," I suggested. "That's the best time for the whole family to enjoy an omelette."

Of course, there are almost as many kinds of omelettes as there are days in the year, but they all come under two general classifications, puffy omelettes or plain omelettes. It's the various ingredients that are added that give them special names.

French Omelette

"Would you like a nice French omelette aux fines herbes?" asked the Chef. "As you know that is the plain folded omelette, which is sprinkled before folding with the minced fresh herbs; I like some parsley, some chives and some chervil. In France omelettes are so popular that they are used as the entree, or for a main dish, and sweet omelettes are used for dessert!"

"How many eggs do you use in making a French omelette, Chef?"

"For each person I like to use two eggs. But—if I add to the omelette mixture some diced fried potatoes or browned bread croutons, or a little minced leftover meat, or mixed vegetables, allow only one large egg for each person. This is a good stretcher for the eggs."

Plain Omelette

"If you like, you can make the plain omelette and cover the top with grated cheese or melted ham, or even heated tomatoes or spinach, and then fold it up. But the best way to stretch the eggs is to mix the extra food into them after they are beaten."

"Plain French omelette is easiest of all to make, especially if you have a round-bottom, stainless steel frying pan. But if you haven't, use an iron frying pan, as this transmits the heat evenly."

"Beat the eggs until well mixed with a wire whisk or a hand beater. Be careful not to over-heat them. Stir in 1/4 tsp. salt, a little pepper, and 1 tbsp. boiling water for each egg. The boiling water makes the omelette more tender."

"In the frying pan have enough butter melted and barely sizzling to cover the bottom. Pour the omelette mixture; it should be about 1/4 of an inch deep. Place over a medium heat, and tip the pan back and forth, so all the liquid will come in contact with the hot pan and cook. If necessary, lift the eggs up at the edges with a spatula or broad kitchen knife. The omelette should be a pale golden brown on the bottom when done; then fold it over in three-parts, and serve it at once on a heated platter."

Danish Omelette

"Today let's have one of those big substantial Danish omelettes served right in the pan," I suggested.

"Very well, Madame," agreed the Chef. "We have the necessary ingredients. I have saved the tops of some scallops which I can chop to put in it; we have 3 nice thick slices of bacon we can use; and we have 6 beautiful big eggs, enough for four persons. I will cook it in our big frying pan. The Danish omelette is not folded; so I will place it, pan and all, on the round earthenware platter, and at the table you shall have the pleasure of cutting it in pie-shaped pieces."

TOMORROW'S DINNER

Potato Soup
Danish Omelette Buttered New Beets
Cheese Toasted Rolls
Pickle Relish
Squares of Prune Cake
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Danish Omelette

Cut 3 slices bacon 1/4 in. thick, into 3 pieces each. Then slowly fry until barely crisp; in a large frying pan, (about 10 in.). Pour off all the fat except 2 tbsp., and set the bacon aside. Next, prepare the omelette mixture. To do this, beat

6 eggs light; add 1/4 c. milk, 1 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 1/4 c. minced scallion tops, or 1/4 c. partly-fried minced onion. Turn into the bacon fat in the frying pan, and slowly fry until the omelette is barely golden on the bottom. Lift occasionally around the edges so the liquid portion of the omelette will be cooked. When nearly done, slip under the broiler for a moment and serve in the pan.

Pruno Cake

Measure 1/2 c. margarine or shortening into a mixing bowl and gradually work with a spoon until soft. Then work in 1 c. granulated sugar and 2 slightly-beaten eggs. Next, sift together 1 1/2 c. flour, 1/4 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. clove, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg, 1/4 tsp. salt, and 1 tsp. baking soda. Add alternately to the first mixture with 1/4 c. sour milk or buttermilk, and 1 c. well-drained, fine-chopped, cooked, pitted prunes. Beat until well mixed.

Transfer to an oiled shallow loaf cake pan, about 7" x 11", which has been lightly dusted with flour. Spread a little higher at the edges than in the centre. Dust the top of the cake batter with 2 tbsp. granulated sugar mixed with 1/2 tsp. cinnamon. (This makes a crackly crust). Bake in a moderate oven, 350 F, for 45 min., or until the cake is brown on top and a toothpick, when inserted in the centre, comes out clean. Let stand 5 min. Then remove from the pan and cool.

TRICK OF THE CHEF

To give fresh cooked beets a very fine taste, add a little ground nutmeg, lemon juice and some browned butter.

Knarf Visits an Iron Rooster

—And Hears What Happens When the Wind Blows—
By MAX TRELL

ON the roof of the house, at the spot where the two sides sloped up to a point, stood a rooster. He wasn't a regular rooster. He was made of iron. He stood on the roof to tell everyone who happened to look up at him, which way the wind was blowing. This was important. Because, if you knew which way the wind was blowing—whether North, East, South or West—you could generally tell if it were going to be rainy weather or fair weather.

Just below the rooster's feet were four letters:—N-E-S-W, each pointing in a different direction. The letters stood for the directions of the four winds, and you could always tell the name of the wind that was blowing because that would be the letter the rooster would be pointing at with his beak.

Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-around name, stood below on the lawn and watched the rooster for quite a while. He seemed to be looking up at him, which way the wind was blowing. This was important. Because, if you knew which way the wind was blowing—whether North, East, South or West—you could generally tell if it were going to be rainy weather or fair weather.

"Do you see, what I mean?" the rooster said. "They can't make up their minds. I keep turning and spinning until I'm so dizzy I don't know where I'm going. I wish somebody would do something about them before I fall off this roof and—pardon me!"

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This time he spun around to the South. But before Knarf could move over to S, he had spun to West, then East, then South again, then North.

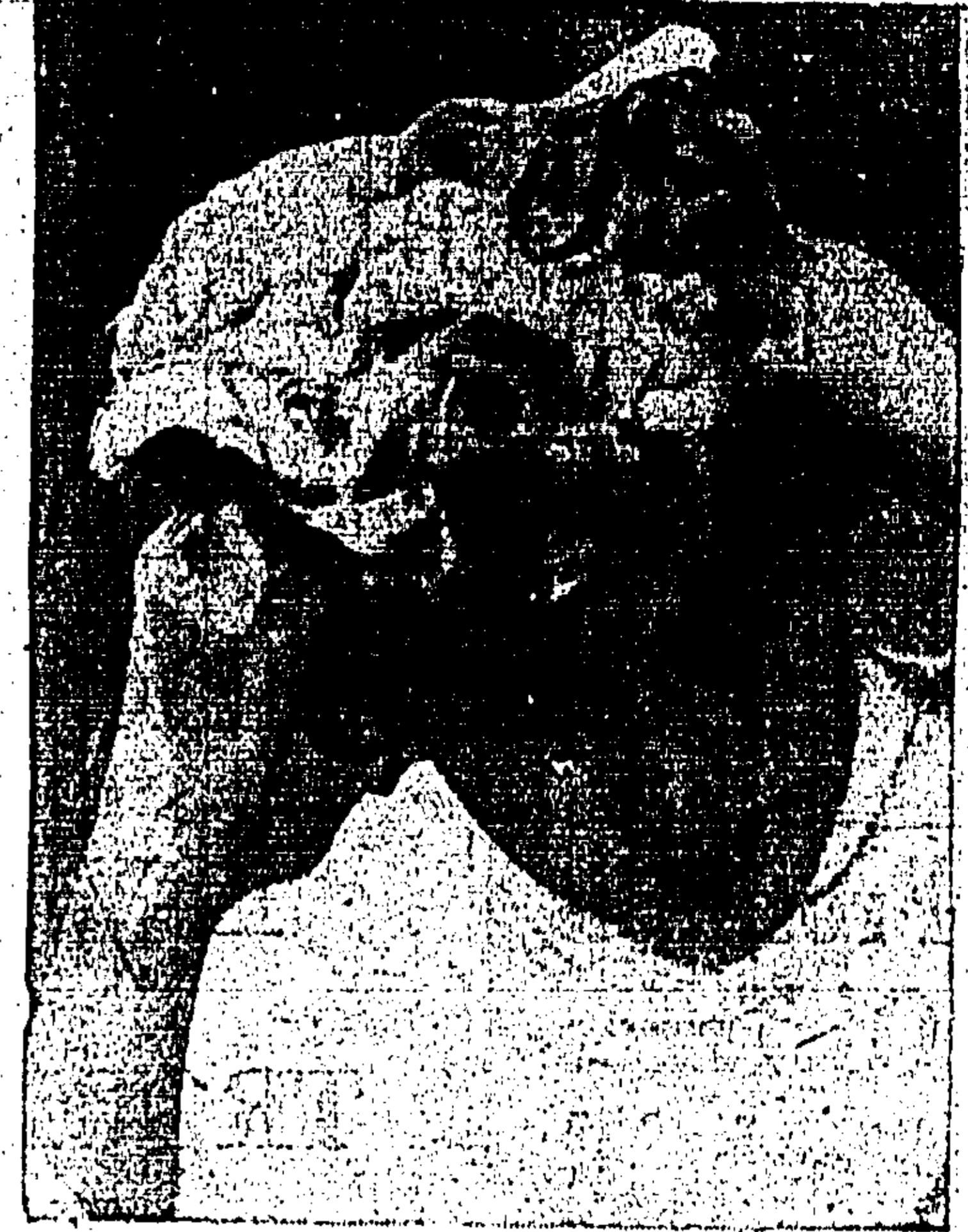
"Here, you'd better sit on my back!" the rooster urged. "Quick! Jump on!"

Knarf jumped on the rooster's back just in time, for now he began swinging back and forth between West and East, and a few minutes later, between North and South.

Knarf had quite a good time. "It's a little like being on a merry-go-round!" he thought. But the rooster wasn't at all happy. He didn't like March winds that never

could make up their minds which

way to blow, and tried their best to blow in all directions at the same time.

Tips on Home Shampooing

A new beauty cream shampoo is an excellent medium to use if you wash your own hair.

By HELEN FOLLETT

ALTHOUGH beauty shops are crowded with customers, there is decided trend towards home shampooing. One reason:

remove dead scales from the scalp; atmospheric dust from the tresses. If that is accomplished, the wool upon one's head should carry gloss, be agreeable to my arrangement. Careless shampooing is hard on the hair.

Whatever medium you use, read the label on jar or bottle and read it carefully.

In beauty shops where creams are used for hair washing a special method is employed. The cream is frictioned into the scalp, foams up. The operator keeps adding warm water, continues brisk friction. By adding water, the cream is thinned gradually. Ten minutes should be given to this part of the treatment.

To meet this demand, cosmetic chemists are producing a variety of shampoo mediums—soap, oil, lanoline, cream, even jellies.

No matter what kind she buys, the customer wants the agent to know. Then she knows the good work is going on. Salesmen report that they are beset with questions. What about dandruff control? Will the same shampoo be equally good for dry and oily hair? The answer, usually, is yes. The objective is to

remove dead scales from the scalp; atmospheric dust from the tresses.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE**CROSSWORD****Knarf Visits an Iron Rooster**

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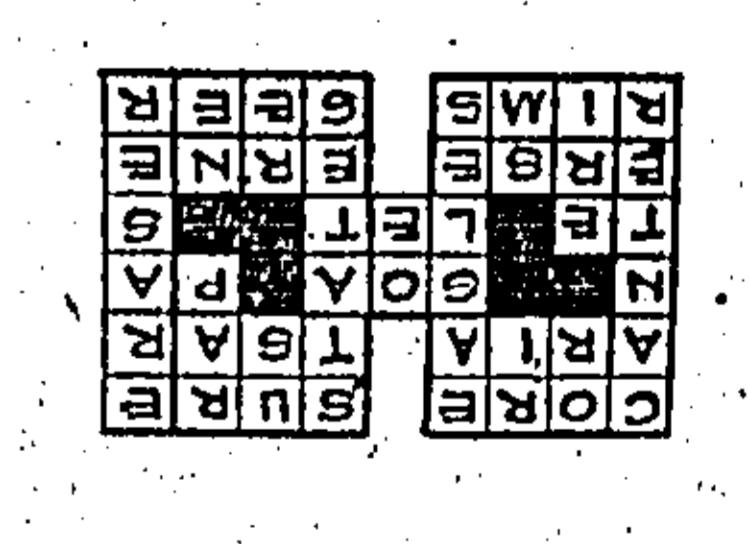
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ANSWER**Rupert helps Dr. Lion—23**

Leaving the wood, Rupert hurries homeward and gives up all hope. Billy Goat appears and his words can help. "Don't be afraid, Dr. Lion," he says. "I've got some sunshine. I've asked Geffen large and the old Professor and the Chinese conjurer and the old owl, and there's no one else left who's worth asking." But Billy stops him. "You're wrong," he says. "There is one person left, and I believe he's cleverer and wiser than any of those."

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A Witness**By Fred Harman**

GOOD THING ME

TAKSUM SHORT CUT TO

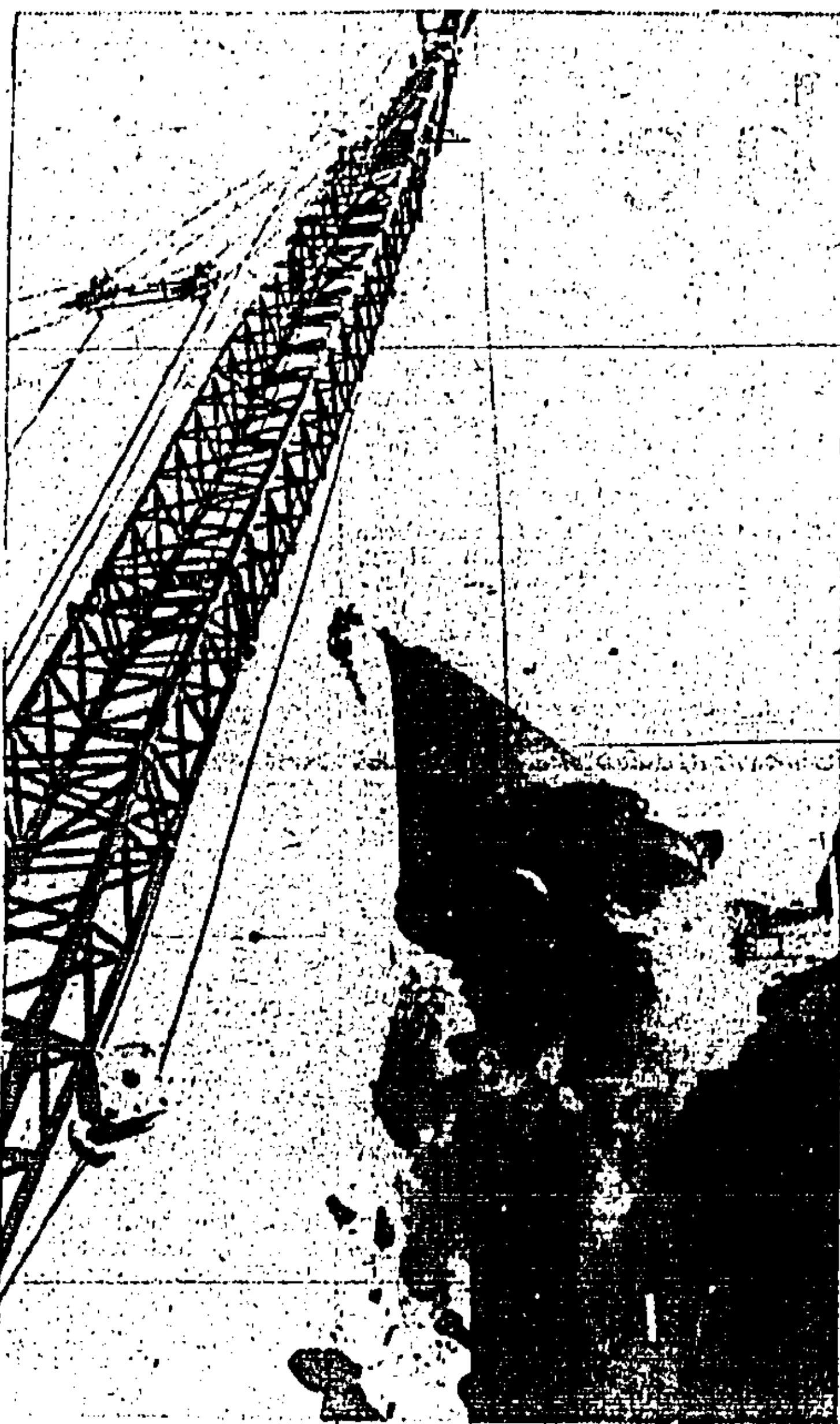
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



ON BORDER PATROL IN TRIESTE—United States soldiers in an armoured car patrol the northern border between the Free State of Trieste and Yugoslavia, in the background. Trieste police stand guard at the road barrier at the right.



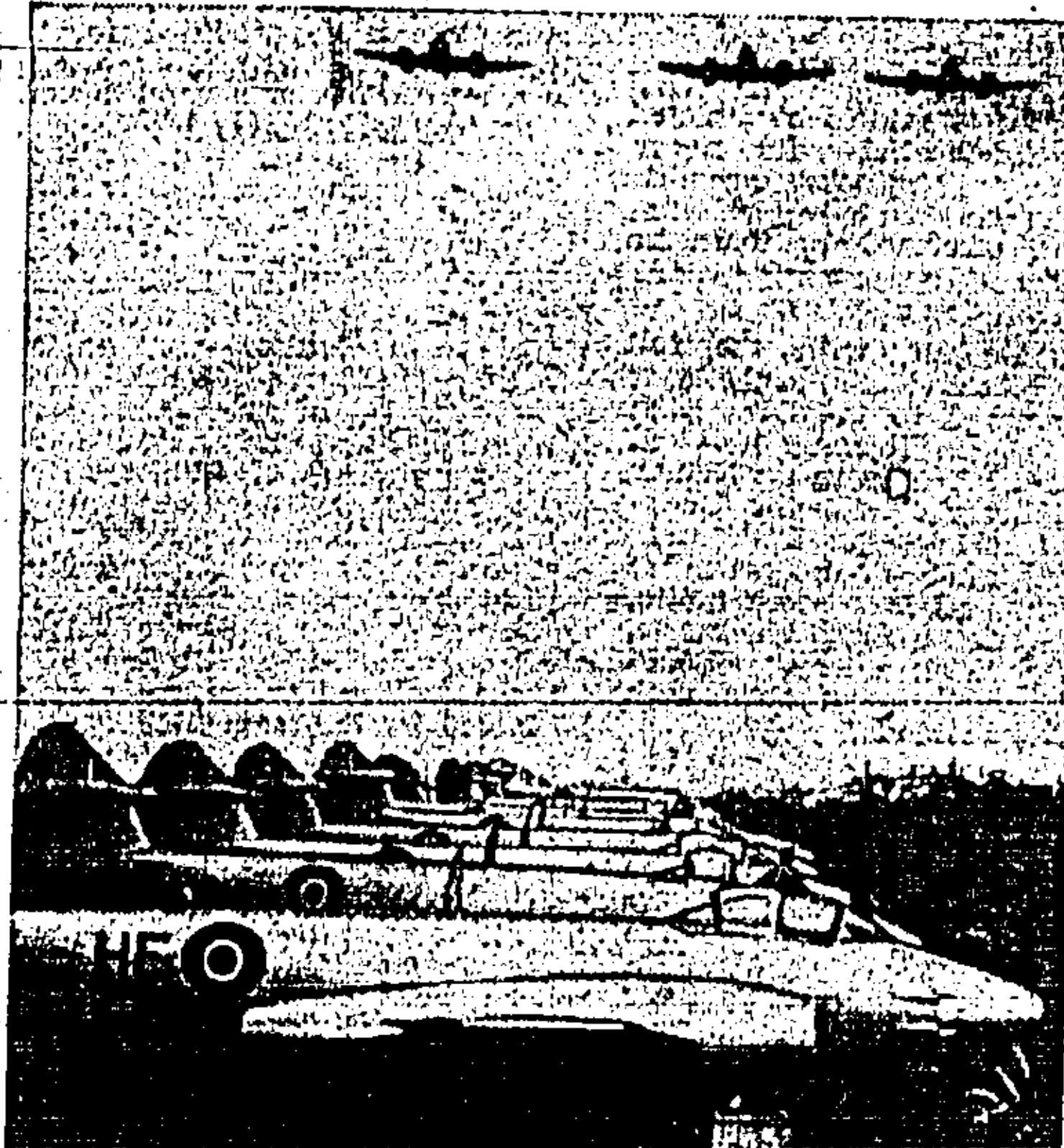
LOOK OUT BELOW!—A two-ton iron ball knocks the turret from the famous Schwab mansion in New York. Long untenanted, the 75-room home was built by the late steel magnate at a cost of US\$8,000,000. Today the real estate is more valuable than the home.



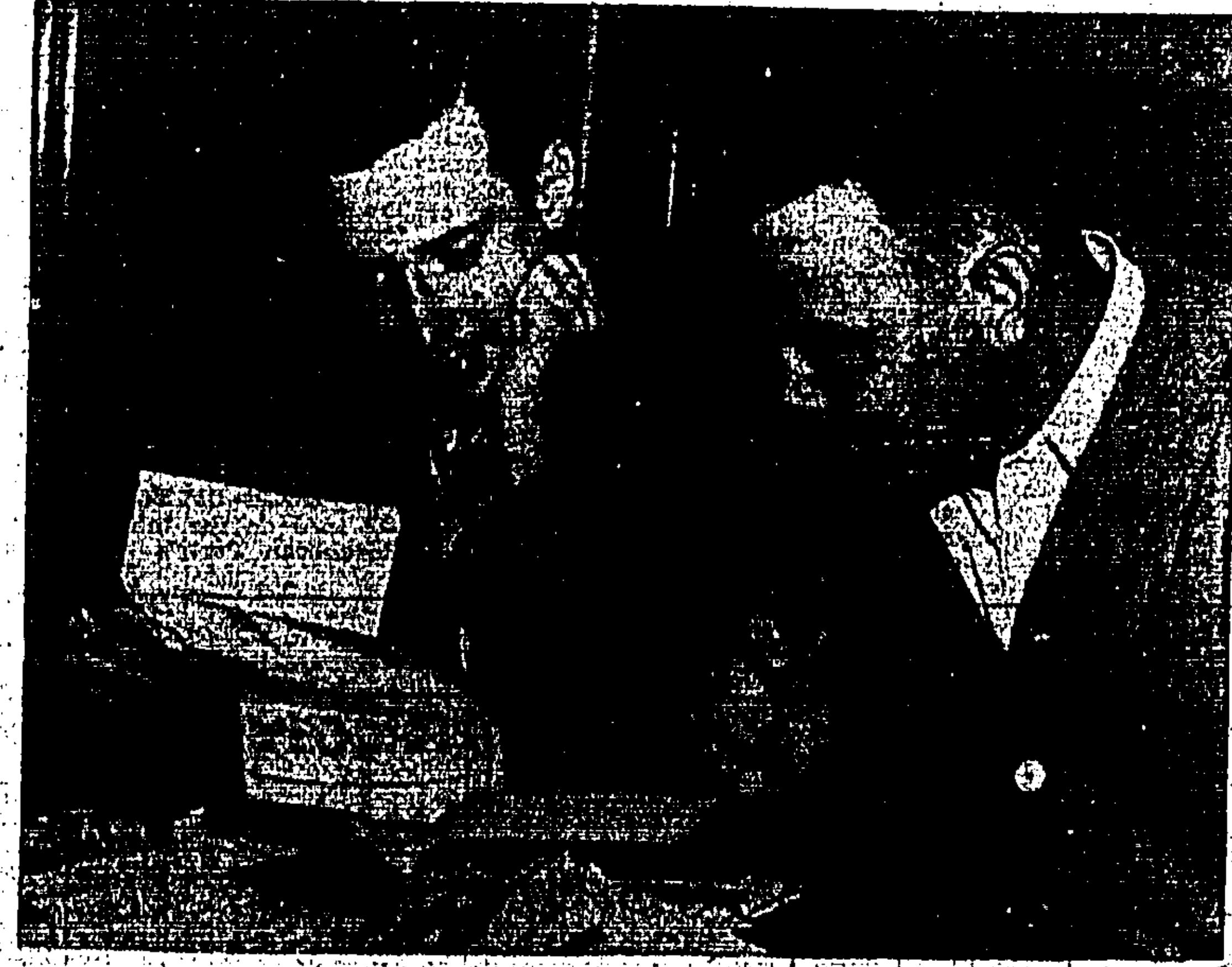
AT SCHOOL IN RUSSIA—A teacher holds a teddy bear as she tells folk tales to children in a Soviet nursery school. They sit beneath a portrait of Marshal Stalin. The agency which supplied this picture did not name the town in which the school is located.



BONNET—A halo-hat of sweet peas in true-to-life colours, worn by Jane Wyman of motion pictures.



SET FIGHTERS—Meteor IV's sweep low over a line of other jet fighter planes at Horsham St. Faith, near Norwich, England, shortly after the base was equipped with the speedy craft.



MOONSTRUCK—Robert W. Eaton, right, and Charles W. Honhold, both 21, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, refused to be discouraged just because the U.S. Department of the Interior rejected their claim to the moon. Secretary Julius A. Krug said the U.S. has no sovereignty over the moon. Eaton and Honhold believe a rocket trip will be made to the moon within their lifetime.



VICTIM—Barry LaFave, aged 8, named New Jersey's "healthiest and prettiest" baby boy in 1941, hanged himself accidentally while playing "cowboys and horse thieves" at his home in Audubon, New Jersey.



GRANDDADDY LOBSTER—Spirous Goulios photographed with the big lobster he caught at the start of the season at Newport, Rhode Island.



INGRID RECEIVES AWARD—President Truman presents Ingrid Bergman, star of stage and screen, with the Women's National Press Club achievement award for the theatre at the club's annual dinner in Washington.

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NO INVASION YET OF PALESTINE

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An ammunition convoy was also observed in the frontier area. In 1948, when Transjordan became an independent State, an agreement was reached between the British Government and King Abdulla by which Arab Legion units, then serving under British command in Palestine, would be loaned to Britain for continued service.

Britain has stated that these units shall be evacuated under British orders to Transjordan before the termination of the mandate on May 15. They would then come under the orders of King Abdulla, rejoining the main body of the Legion.

Asked if the Arab Legion was now to be regarded as an "enemy" a Jewish Agency spokesman in Jerusalem said today: "The Arab Legion will be regarded, and has always been regarded, as an Arab force. If they attack Jews, Jewish property and Jewish positions, they will be resisted."

The spokesman said that Transjordan's "threats, warnings and boasts are on the verge of being fulfilled." Commenting on Britain's position, the spokesman said there had been an unequivocal declaration by British Ministers that British arms were not being used by Arab forces fighting in Palestine.

ARAB REFUGEES FLEE

If there was active intervention by Iraq and Transjordan forces in the fighting, it would mean intervention, not only with British arms and equipment, but "exclusively with such arms and equipment," the spokesman declared.

The British Army in Jerusalem reported today that Arab refugees were fleeing from the Arab seaport of Jaffa, under Jewish attack, at the rate of 20 packed vehicles an hour.

Three explosions, which blasted a Jewish shop extensively, damaged the Palestine police district headquarters in Jerusalem's post office building.

Captain Richard Butler Leggatt, (R.N. Retired), was shot dead by an Arab outside Barclay's Bank in Jerusalem today. He was the second Briton to die in Jerusalem in less than 24 hours. The other was Mr B. O. Denham, 47-year-old Housing and Claims Director of the Palestine Government's Public Works Department. He was shot dead by an unknown gunman in the Arab German colony of Jerusalem.

Captain Leggatt was recently appointed Vice-Counsel on the staff of Sir Hugh Dow, the British representative in Palestine when the mandate ends on May 15, and was formerly in Basra.—Reuters.

GIVEN WARNING

The mistress of a passenger sampan was cautioned by Mr Cairns at the Marine Court this morning for conveying seven prostitutes in her boat, and warned that if she came up again on a similar charge she would be liable to a fine of \$200.

Defendant pleaded that she had to earn a living and feed her family.

Alleged Attack On Young Woman At Shamshuipo

The story of an alleged attack by the principal tenant on a young woman sub-tenant of a flat at Yee Kuk Street, Shamshuipo, as a result of which the woman lost the sight of her right eye, was related before Mr Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when the trial of Mak Keng-wu, a 65-year-old broker, opened.

Mak is charged with maliciously wounding Chan Yen-mei, 28-year-old married woman, with intent to do her grievously bodily harm.

Mr A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, insisted by Det. Sub-Inspect. C. Dowman, is prosecuting, and the accused is defended by Mr H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr F. H. Loseby. Accused pleaded not guilty. The jury empanelled included three women.

CASE FOR CROWN

Mr Lonsdale said that the woman, Chan, lived with her husband at No. 134 Yee Kuk Street, second floor, and occupied a cubicle, a sub-tenant of the accused. For some time there had been a dispute between the accused and his sub-tenants with regard to the rent which they were paying, and as a result the accused did not collect rent for a number of months. Chan's husband, in the meantime, had inserted a notice in a Chinese newspaper calling on the accused to collect the rent.

On the early morning of March 12, the woman and her husband were asleep in their cubicle when they were awakened by noises and heard the accused outside. They put on their clothes and the husband went to the cubicle door and spoke to the accused. At that time he noticed the accused with a chopper in his hand, but this was put down.

Accused then rushed into Chan's cubicle and struck her with a stool. The husband and wife spoke of reporting the matter to the police, and the wife made towards the exit of the premises. As she was leaving the floor, accused again assaulted her and this time cut her with some form of sharp instrument which the woman would say was not big enough to be a chopper, but she was unable to say what it was.

The instrument cut her very severely, about the face, Mr Lonsdale declared, and as a result he had to have an eye removed and the wound quite disfigured her face.

PAULA By DENNIS WHEATLEY



CARGO PILFERING AT WHARVES DECREASING

Report To Wharf & Godown Meeting

"We have maintained throughout the year the improvement in rate of discharge, and are still able to turn a ship round in Hongkong quicker than in most other ports," declared the Hon. D. F. Landale at the Annual meeting of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd, held this morning.

In his report to shareholders, Mr Landale, Chairman of Directors, also stated that the reduction in cargo thefts and pilferage had been maintained, and it was safe to say that the reputation of the port of Hongkong in this respect today was higher than any other port in the World.

He said:

Since our last Annual Meeting news has been received in the Colony of the death of Mr A. H. Compton, who served on the Board of Directors of this Company for over 25 years; I am sure Shareholders will join with me in expressing our very deep regret and our sympathy with his family.

The Report and Statement of Accounts for the year 1947 have been sent to you in your hands for the prescribed period, and with your permission I will take them no more.

During the year, we handled a total of 654 vessels, which discharged 646,000 tons of cargo. Although the total cargo discharged is slightly less than the total for 1946, the number of vessels shows an increase of just over 50%, which I think is a satisfactory indication of post-war re-establishment of merchant shipping.

We have maintained throughout the year the improvement in rate of discharge to which I referred at our last Meeting, and as far as one can judge from general reports, we are still able to turn a ship round in Hongkong quicker than in most other ports.

LESS PILFERAGE

I am glad to say also that the reduction in cargo thefts and pilferage has been maintained, and it is safe

to say that the reputation of the port of Hongkong in this respect is higher than any other Far Eastern port and compares favourably with any port in the World. We are at course continuing to give strict attention to this important question and the security measures which have achieved this result will not be relaxed.

Our launch and lighter fleet has also been well employed during the year. Following our normal practice of maintaining this fleet in a state of first class efficiency, several lighters which through age could no longer be maintained up to our standards were disposed of during the year, but by acquiring now craft we have kept up the strength of the fleet at 71 craft, although it has not yet been possible to reach our pre-war strength of 120 lighters.

Cargo handling gear has been fitted to many of our craft and this, together with our modern fleet of motor-launches, has contributed materially to the speed at which transhipments can be effected.

Our twin-screw tug "Kowloon", recovered from Canton, was placed in service after extensive reconditioning and modernisation in October, and a new launch has been acquired to take the place of our old "Penguin" which was finally located in Canton, but sold as being

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LAUNCH FLEET

Our launch fleet now consists of eight up-to-date vessels, which is only one less than our pre-war figure, and with this fleet and our lighter capacity of 7,000 tons of cargo, we are in an excellent position to provide efficient and rapid facilities for shipment or transhipment under expert supervision.

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LIQUIDATING OVERDRAFTS

Part of the proceeds of the New Issue has been applied in liquidation of our Bank overdrafts, and I would draw your attention to the note under current assets which shows that our cash balance includes an amount deposited with the Bank against interest on pre-war overdraft.

The actual amount cannot be determined until the legislation governing such transactions is completed, but our maximum liability in this direction will probably be about \$200,000, and is provided for in our General Contingencies Account.

Capital expenditure during the year was \$1,000,000, and this

expenditure was \$1,274,000.

Part of \$3,000,000, while commitments in respect of reconstruction replacements constitute a contingent liability of approximately \$1,400,000. In addition to these commitments, as I intimated last year, further heavy expenditure will be necessary before our reconstruction programme can be completed.

Until this morning the position in

regard to our claim for War losses remained unchanged, but you will no doubt have read in the Press the latest developments, the effect of which on your Company will now have to be considered by the Board.

I do not think there is anything

further in the Accounts calling for

comment. The year 1947, like its

predecessor, was a difficult one in

which continued rehabilitation had

to be carried on concurrently with

heavy expenditure.

Reconstruction of No. 25-A transit

shed was completed at the end of

the year, and this valuable asset

was immediately put into operation,

releasing 7,000 tons of space in our

storage godowns for its rightful

use. Another prefabricated godown

of 6,000 tons capacity has been

erected on the site of our old

Godown No. 6, which was destroyed

during hostilities, and two further

godowns to take the place of

demolished buildings on our Kowloon Point property will be completed in about a month's time.

Our specially constructed dangerous goods godowns at Yau Ma Tei

have been filled to capacity during the year, and construction of further ac-

commodation for this type of cargo

is under consideration.

RECONSTRUCTED WHARVES

As far as the Wharves are con-

cerned, reconstruction of our West

Point wharf has been completed

with the exception of part of the

superstructure, and this old estab-

lished facility for the coastal trade is

once again in operation.

Repairs to No. 3 Wharf were com-

pleted last October, and this wharf

is again in first class condition and

full operation.

Demolition of No. 4 Wharf has

been completed, and the bulk of the

materials for its reconstruction have

been obtained; work on the actual

construction is expected to com-

mence shortly.

Maintenance repairs have been

carried out on all other wharves to

keep them in safe and proper con-

dition until the completion of No. 4

Wharf permits their major recon-

struction to be undertaken.

We are still without information

as to the terms and conditions under

which our new Pier Leases will be

issued, but on August 22 last

year it was officially announced

that the new Pier Leases will be

granted without delay so that

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BOXING

CLOSE FIGHTS IN SERVICES FINALS

The finals of the Inter-Services Open Championships were fought last night at the China Fleet Club Theatre, turning up a high standard of boxing and no major upset.

Navy took three of the five titles, and Army two. Two of the runner-up berths went to Navy, two to Army, and one to the RAF's sole entry.

Four of the fights were won on points, three of these on very close decisions, and the fifth on a TKO in the second round. The wild slogging that had featured the preliminary rounds wore down by the time the finals were reached yesterday.

Closest fight of the five final bouts was in the feather-weight class, Fusilier Bond of the Inniskillings winning a very close decision over Aircraftman W. Norton.

Both weighed in at nine stone and conceded very little to one another in height or reach. Bond was the stouter Norton the more rangy.

It was a game and sporting fight from the opening bell to the last few seconds, and it must have been a hard job for the judges to reach any decision. Yet Bond seemed slightly better, just by an infinitesimal fraction of point somewhere.

He was the surest of the two and his punches rarely hit home. Norton was the craftier though with poorer judgment of length to hit blows.

Both slogged away when the opportunity arose and Norton stopped some hot ones in the last few seconds of the third and final round. He had more punch, was quicker on his feet, but had less staying power.

PULLING v. McMEALIN

Leading Writer Bob Pulling, of HMS Tamar, the Fleet Writer Champion, took the Middleweight title but not without meeting stiff opposition from AB McMealin of HMS Consort.

Pulling, of course, was the classic boxer, with a better all-round knowledge of the art. McMealin was not outclassed and had a quick eye for the dodge, seldom allowing his opponent to land a heavier one.

He took the offensive whenever an opening came his way and Pulling saved himself a lot of punishment by timely locking. It was far from being a one-sided show and McMealin was light enough on his feet though he did not look it if judging on build alone.

He was four pounds heavier, had about two inches on Pulling in height and a slight advantage in reach. His jabs from the shoulder carried weight but the rest of his battery repertoire wasn't quite up to Pulling's variety.

He had a very close fight earlier in the evening. In his semi-final pairing with Sgt. Barr of the Inniskillings, where Pulling had a comparatively easier passage into the final against Cpl. Bruce of the Buffs, a game fighter but not in the same class.

McKAY v. RYAN

A rather unfortunate situation developed out of the welterweight final bout between L/Cpl. J. McKay of the Inniskillings and Steward C. P. Ryan of HMS Quiberon. The Australian reached the final on a walk-over from a shipmate, while McKay suffered a fair amount of punishment in eliminating AB Mulley of HMS Amethyst.

Mulley had the better of the first round and it took McKay two more rounds of hard fighting to take the judges' decision. Ryan entered the ring fresh and his TKO of McKay in the second round was as much Mulley's work as his own.

SCOLLINS v. McLAUGHLIN

AB M. J. McLaughlin, of HMS London, put in three rounds of good boxing against his shipmate, SPO J. T. Scollins, despite a thumb injury sustained before the final. Scollins did not have an easy time breaking through his guard and did not put in many telling punches till the third round.

CLARKE v. DOUBLE

The light-heavyweight final was an all-Buffs affair with L/Cpl. Double, of the wicked punch, given little opportunity to use it by a trickier and faster opponent, Dorothy Page.

Pte. Clarke conceded six pounds in weight, and a little in reach, but more than made up for it by being faster on his feet, and the offensive as long as he could keep it up, and with a guard that would have taken a craftier boxer than Double to break into with effect.

Where Double waded in one of his hooks, it told and Clarke took a few, but quite enough, late in the second, and early in the third round.

With the first round marked 10, the second about even, and the third Double's by a slight edge, this fight was a difficult one to pick a winner from.

GRAZIANO DRIVES HORNE ON ROPES



Rocky Graziano (right), middleweight boxing champion, drives Sonny Horne against the ropes with a hard right in the sixth round of a non-title bout in Washington. Graziano won the decision in 10 rounds.—AP Wirephoto.

Services Champions

The Inter-Services Individual Champions for 1948 are:

Feather: Fusilier T. Bond, Inniskillings.

Light: SPO J. T. Scollins, HMS London.

Welter: Steward C. P. Ryan, HMS Quiberon.

Middle: L/Cpl. Double, HMS Tamar.

Light Heavy: L/Cpl. Double, Buffs.

BASEBALL

N.Y. GIANTS ROUT PHILADELPHIA

New York, Apr. 27.—In the National League, the New York Giants, combining the excellent pitching of Larry Jansen with their usual savage batting attack, rolled to their sixth straight triumph today, defeating Philadelphia 7-1.

Catcher Walker Cooper's three run home of rookie Curt Simmons in the third inning started the Giants' rout.

The Chicago Cubs jumped on Cincinnati's Ewell Blackwell for three runs in the first inning and went on to defeat the Reds 7-2 behind the pitching of Bob McCall. Blackwell had won two games this season.

Third baseman Bob Elliott, last year's valuable player in the National League, batted in all Boston runs with a home run and two singles to lead the Braves to a 3-2 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers. Ted Barrett registered his first victory of the season.

The Saint Louis at Pittsburgh game was postponed because of rain.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

In the American League, a three run first inning, highlighted by catcher Yogi Berra's two-run double, enabled the New York Yankees to defeat the Philadelphia Athletics, 4-2.

Joe Page as relief pitcher pulled the game out of the fire when he took over with two on base in the eighth.

Righthander Al Zarilla's single off Hal Newhouser, appearing in a relief role, scored leftfielder Whitey Platt with the deciding run and gave the Saint Louis Browns a 9-8

LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League

	Won	Lost	Perc.
New York	7	2	.777
Chicago	4	3	.571
Philadelphia	4	4	.500
Pittsburgh	4	4	.500
St. Louis	3	3	.500
Cincinnati	4	6	.444
Brooklyn	3	5	.375
Boston	3	6	.333

American League

	Won	Lost	Perc.
Cleveland	5	0	1.000
Washington	5	2	.714
St. Louis	4	2	.667
New York	4	3	.571
Philadelphia	4	4	.500
Detroit	3	5	.375
Boston	1	5	.167
Chicago	1	6	.143

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Philadelphia	1	3	2
New York	7	8	0
(Winning pitcher Larry Jansen)			
Chicago	7	12	0
Cincinnati	2	8	2
(Winning pitcher Bob McCall)			
Brooklyn	2	8	1
Boston	3	4	0
(Winning pitcher Red Darrett)			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
New York	4	11	1
Philadelphia	2	5	0
(Winning pitcher Karl Drews)			
Detroit	8	10	2
Saint Louis	9	15	0
(Winning pitcher Al Widmar)			
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MINOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

	Won	Lost	Perc.
Indianapolis	9	3	.750
Saint Paul	7	5	.583
Minneapolis	7	5	.583
Columbus	6	6	.500
Milwaukee	6	7	.467
Louisville	6	7	.467
Kansas City	5	8	.384
Toledo	4	9	.307

PACIFIC COAST

	Won	Lost	Perc.
San Francisco	15	8	.625
Oakland	15	11	.571
Los Angeles	15	12	.545
San Diego	14	13	.516
Portland	11	14	.444
Seattle	9	12	.429
Sacramento	9	14	.391
Hollywood	8	13	.381

TEXAS

	Won	Lost	Perc.
San Antonio	7	4	.636
Dallas	7	5	.583
Baumont	6	5	.545
Fort Worth	6	5	.545
Oklahoma City	5	6	.455
Houston	5	6	.455
Tulsa	5	7	.417
Shreveport	3	6	.333

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

	Won	Lost	Perc.
Mobile	6	3	.667
Memphis	6	3	.667
Nashville	5	3	.625
Birmingham	5	4	.583
New Orleans	4	5	.444
ATLANTA	4	6	.400
Chattanooga	2	6	.286
Little Rock	3	7	.300

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COLONY TENNIS

IP KOO-HUNG TO CONTEST HIS SECOND FINAL

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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Oh, I don't think good-looking people are conceited—I know I try not to put on any airs!"

LESSON HAND

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

The San Francisco Slam Convention

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

ONE exceptionally interesting subject in the book "Bridge for the Joneses," is the San Francisco four-five no trump slam convention, widely employed on the Pacific Coast. Although the most popular slam bidding convention today is the Blackwood, it is said that the San Francisco convention makes slam bidding more accurate. So here it is, as taken from "Bridge for the Joneses."

The four no trump bid is forcing for one round and asks partner to specify how many aces and kings he holds. Unlike the Blackwood bid, the original no trump bidder, in order to make the bid, should have three aces, or two aces plus the king of a suit bid by the partnership. The responses follow:

5 CLUBS: Denies any ace, or 3 kings;

5 DIAMONDS: Shows 1 ace, or 3 kings;

5 HEARTS: Shows 1 ace and 1 king, or 4 kings;

5 SPADES: Shows 1 ace and 2 kings;

5 NO TRUMP: Shows 2 aces, or 1 ace and 3 kings;

6 CLUBS: Shows 2 aces and 1 king, or 1 ace and 4 kings;

6 DIAMONDS: Shows 2 aces and 2 kings;

6 HEARTS: Shows 3 aces, or 2 aces and 3 kings.

It will be noted that each response after the first positive response of five diamonds shows one king more than the previous response. You will also note that three kings are treated as the equivalent of one ace.

In addition the San Francisco convention employs a grand slam force. When a suit has been agreed upon by the partnership, if one of the partners then bids five no trump without having previously used the four no trump bid, it is considered a grand slam force. It asks partner to bid seven holding two of the top three honours in the agreed trump suit.

An opening bid of five in a major is a sister bid, asking partner to bid seven with two top trump honours, to bid six with only one, to pass inking any of the three top honours.

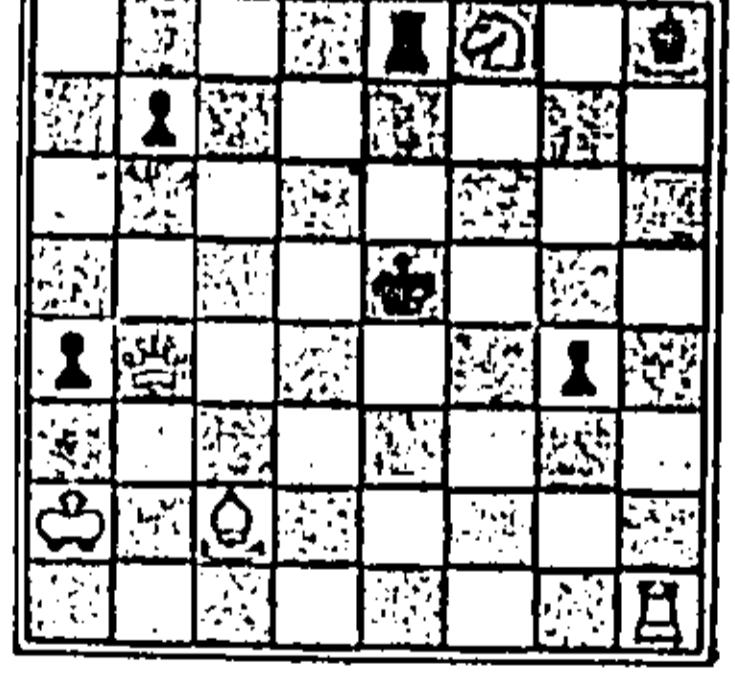
Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the world's largest hotel.
2. When and by whom were the Aleutian Islands discovered?
3. Name the Lake Poets.
4. Name the United States Secretary of State.
5. Name a character in fiction who slept for twenty years.

(Answers on Column 5)



CHESS PROBLEM

By M. HAVEL
Black, 6 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-QKt, any; 2. R, B, or Kt mates.

CROSSWORD

18. Taken from maimed animals. (3)
19. One way to break a rule. (4)
22. Destruction. (4)
23. Container. (3)
24. Nothing dreamy about this. (6)
25. Always found at the end of a code. (3)

Down

1. A jolly old jester. (9)
2. He, obviously, can see the lone rock. (3)
3. It may result in a curse, but no beanstaf is intended. (9)
5. Extend. (3)
6. That may be in the shape of exams. (6)
8. Based on the study of divine revelation. (10)
12. Gives you a bare idea of a hill slope. (4)

13. Wading bird with harsh cry.

17. Any system of belief. (5)

18. Length of time. (3)

19. Action.

1. Despite its name this thoroughfare was straight enough for 17 runners. (5, 6)

2. Comatose. (4)

10. Turn a sheep into implements. (4)

11. Turn the horse before the artist comes. (4)

12. You are becoming dangerous to handle. (5)

13. A mixed diet. (4)

14. The person who is the talking or just a bit; take your choice. (5)

15. Tip. (5)

16. A radio. (5)

17. Any system of belief. (5)

18. Length of time. (3)

19. Action.

20. Solution to yesterday's puzzle. (Answers: Turnstiles; 8. Overturn; 10. Uttermost; 11. Gains; 12. Paisley; 13. Bronco; 14. Dredge; 15. Sled; 16. Sled; 17. Set it down; 18. Dyer; 19. Dumb; 20. Set it down; 21. Touch and go; 22. Underhand; 23. Retired; 24. Radio; 25. Weather Report; 26. Selections from Opera; 27. 10:30 New Light Symphony Orchestra; 28. Epilogue (Studio); 29. Close down.)

EXCLUSIVE TELEGRAPH FEATURE
YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

BORN today, you have a strong, regulated life. You are ambitious and know that only through hard work can you achieve what you most desire. You get along very well with the opposite sex, tactfulness being your strong point. You women are rather more romantic than you should be and often build day dreams in which the handsome knight comes riding to rescue you from dire peril. If you were to use this imaginative gift in writing, you might become quite successful.

For one of so practical a nature, you have a very strong leaning towards the occult. Your intuitions are very keen but of ten you fail to trust them as thoroughly as you might. Your spiritual nature is very strong, also, and you have a high sense of duty, and will sacrifice personal pleasures to do a job that needs doing.

This attitude may be one you will achieve more thoroughly in later life, since as a child and a youth you are very pleasure-loving and will like a lot of excitement. But your natural good sense should help you to comfort and the income keep you there for life. Otherwise, be prepared to work fairly hard for all you get.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May. 21)—Strong influences are still evident, so take full advantage of any new opportunity for advancement offered now.

GEMINI (May. 22-June. 22)—An excellent day for buying and selling. Make progress on your plans if they include expansion.

CANCER (June. 23-July. 23)—Be cautious when making new business connections or partnerships. Be sure you know where you're going.

LEO (July. 24-Aug. 23)—A good day for a wedding—yours or attending somebody else's. Limit motor travel, however, as much as possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Morning is the best time for action. Get in the good licks then. Slow up when afternoon comes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Corning yesterday gains this morning but take time out for rest and relaxation, later in the day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A fairly progressive day for you personally if you can anticipate and forestall the unexpected acts of others. Be on your guard.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Be alert to subterfuge. Scrutinise all new ideas very carefully. If good, act on them, quickly; otherwise discard them.

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SCAP And Private Trade

Withdrawal Urged

San Francisco, Apr. 27.—Directors of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce urged today the withdrawal of SCAP from private trade.

SCAP took over the functions of the US Commercial Company, a government agency, early this year when the Company discontinued its participation in Japanese foreign trade.

"SCAP commercial activities are an unnecessary interference with private trading operations, and retard Japanese-American trade resumption and expansion," said Mr. Dwight K. Grady, chairman of the Chamber's World Trade Committee which recommended the directors' action.

Mr. Grady said SCAP pricing practices do not conform to established trade practices. As a result, he said, prices for Japanese commodities are out of line with current price levels.

The SCAP policy of offering large blocks of Japanese products in New York before offering them to private traders, Grady said, resulted in "taking the cream off the market."

The practice, he said, eliminated the normal market that would exist for private importers.—Associated Press.

Finns To Ratify Treaty

London, Apr. 27.—The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Finnish Parliament has recommended ratification of the Finnish-Soviet treaty of friendship and mutual aid, Helsinki Radio reported today.

The treaty will probably be ratified tomorrow, it was stated.

Finland's Assistant Foreign Minister, M. Rheihold Svento, who was a member of the delegation which concluded the military assistance pact with Russia earlier this month, is to be Finnish Minister in Switzerland. He resigned today as Assistant Foreign Minister prior to taking up his new post.

M. Svento has resigned from the People's Democrats—an extreme Left-wing party of which he had been a member since its formation in 1944.—Reuter.

Trieste Controls

Trieste, Apr. 27.—The Allied Military Government in the Free Territory of Trieste today announced severe restrictions on traffic crossing the boundaries of the Anglo-American Zone.

The controls were designed to prevent infiltration into the Zone and to ensure the carrying out of the Military Government's order that no one should be allowed to enter the Zone from outside to take part in May Day celebrations.—Reuter.

LANDS WITH DEAD ENGINE

London, Apr. 27.—A British Overseas Airways' plane with 18 persons aboard landed with one engine dead today after cheling the London airport three hours to use up excess petrol.—Associated Press.

Cripps In Brussels

Brussels, Apr. 27.—Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, arrived here by air this afternoon to represent Britain at the Conference of the Finance Ministers of the five Brussels Pact signatories, which is due to start here tomorrow.—Reuter.

Lake Success, Apr. 27.—An international police force of 1,000 volunteers should be sent to Jerusalem to guard the population and holy places there, France today recommended to the United Nations. M. Roger Garreau, urging the Trusteeship Council to take up the plan immediately and sit all night if necessary to find a man to head this force, said:

"There is not an hour to lose. The honour of the United Nations is involved here. We must do something tangible within the two weeks which remain to us."

Soviet Russia took her place at the Council table today for the first time, thus ending the boycott she had observed ever since the Trusteeship Council was established 13 months ago.

Mr. Francis Sayre (United States), the Chairman, welcomed M. Semyon Tsarapkin, Counsellor at the Soviet Embassy in Washington.

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, the United Kingdom Colonial Secretary, was also present.

The French delegate urged the Council to act on the establishment of an international police force by tomorrow so that the recommendation could then be presented to a plenary session of the General Assembly.

"We should make a heartfelt appeal to the goodwill of the Jews and the Arabs and try to demonstrate that whatever the subsequent course of events, Jerusalem must be considered a sacred asylum," he said.

The French proposal would also provide for studying the proper measures to ensure the food supply of Jerusalem, he said.

ARABS BLOCK ROUTE

"In view of the state of war between the Jewish and Arab populations of Palestine," he added, "there is at present no power capable of preventing the rupture of communications between Jerusalem and the coast. You know the route has been blocked by the Arabs."

"We therefore propose the setting up of a force of 1,000 men, volunteers chosen individually, without any distinction of nationality, except, of course, that Palestinian volunteers will not, at present be accepted."

"This leaves aside the question of the necessary help that must be obtained on the spot in setting up auxiliary police forces in the Arab and Jewish quarters of Jerusalem and the measure in which these auxiliaries and urban police forces could be joined to the international force."

"This whole force could be under the command of a person who should be appointed immediately. I would ask the Trusteeship Council to examine the question as a matter of priority since the recruitment cannot begin until the appointment has been made. I hope, therefore, that the Trusteeship Council will agree to propose to the Assembly a particular name. I think it would be expedient to meet in closed session to examine the question of this appointment."

MUST ASSIST JERUSALEM

M. Garreau said this police chief might bear the title of Special Delegate of the United Nations, since he would also be called upon to assume the functions of chief of the municipal administration.

"The United Nations must come to the assistance of Jerusalem if it could not come to the assistance of Palestine as a whole," he said. Awi Khalidi, of Iraq, said the Arabs would continue to co-operate to maintain peace in Jerusalem "so long as no political elements attempted to twist the situation."

Mr. Arthur Creech Jones told the Council that Jerusalem could not be safeguarded "unless we get a truce for the whole of Palestine."

"We must face the fact that the situation in Jerusalem is swiftly not fluctuating, and that action must be taken at once," he said. "The British administration will leave Jerusalem within a fortnight and, very shortly afterwards, the last of the British troops will be out of Jerusalem."

The arrangements for withdrawal have gone so far that there is, at this moment, no possibility of reversing the operation, which is actually going on in Jerusalem itself.

"There is, at the same time, the gravest danger of very heavy fighting in and around Jerusalem. Already, considerable fighting has taken place but all the indications are that fighting will reach greater violence and intensity before many days have gone."

BASIC DIFFICULTIES

"Consequently whatever is done, this must be kept in mind—that, to both the Arabs and Jews, Jerusalem is a town of immense strategic and military importance."

The Security Council has asked that there should be a truce in the fighting in Palestine as a whole. But it should be remembered that there are no appeals for a truce of any little effect."

He continued: "There are certain basic difficulties. It is not too evident who is in control on the respective sides. The British administration to some extent has been inserted and the basic requirements of a truce is the co-ordination of the Arab sections—the setting up of some authority over the Arabs—so that, in the negotiations at least, decisions reached or recommendations made can result in definite action."

"At the moment, these conditions hardly seem to exist."

Mr. Creech Jones added: "Our own military commander, besides the High Commissioner, tried to get the parties together in the hope that Jerusalem would be spared this ordeal. So far, little success has attended their efforts."

"I agree wholeheartedly with the delegate of France that it is of fundamental importance that a truce should be secured and the co-operation obtained in any proposal which is recommended by the Council."

"The situation is difficult because of the strategic importance of Jerusalem."

He emphasised that Jerusalem was dependent for its normal life on the country surrounding it.

"We should make a heartfelt appeal to the goodwill of the Jews and the Arabs and try to demonstrate that whatever the subsequent course of events, Jerusalem must be considered a sacred asylum," he said.

The French proposal would also provide for studying the proper measures to ensure the food supply of Jerusalem, he said.

Mr. Creech Jones said the police forces now in Jerusalem, comprising 300 Arabs and 300 Jews—were in the main "inexperienced, under-

trained and suffering from lack of leadership."

There were some hundreds of British policemen who were members of the Palestine police force and ready to re-enter their services but they had been dispersed. "They are no longer in Palestine and I doubt very much if their services could be obtained," he said.

"It might take some months to have the nucleus of an effective force in Jerusalem. In the circumstances, we have to make the best of a bad job."

The French delegate, M. Roger Garreau, said the force must be well armed and should be recruited by its commander without discrimination as to nationality. He asked whether the Palestine Government would be willing to provide some of its surplus arms to this force, to which Mr. Creech Jones later replied that there should be no difficulty about that.—Reuter.

No Political Directions Given To Palestine C-in-C

London, Apr. 27.—No political directions had been given by him to the Commander-in-Chief in Palestine about the reported invasion of Palestine by Transjordan troops, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the Minister of War, told the House of Commons today.

When Mr. William Gallagher, a Communist Member, asked if any such directions had been given regarding the entry of the puppet government of Transjordan, Mr. Shinwell replied: "It is not my function to give any political directions to the Commander-in-Chief."

"We leave the matter in the hands of the High Commissioner."

Mr. Shinwell stated that on the political aspect of his task, the General Officer Commanding, Palestine, relied on advice from the High Commissioner and no political directions were given by the War Office.

On the military aspect, the military commanders were fully entitled to take what action they thought fit under the circumstances, "but obviously in a very difficult and critical situation in Palestine our people on the spot exercised due restraint."

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